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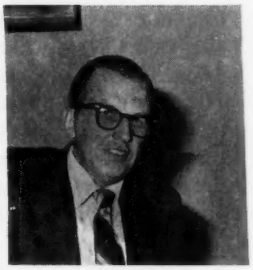
Deputy Director Named

Kent A. Smith has been appointed Deputy Director of the National Library of Medicine. Mr. Smith, who had been Acting Deputy Director since October 1978, succeeds Melvin S. Day, who is now Director of the National Technical Information Service.



Kent A. Smith

As Deputy Director, Mr. Smith serves as principal advisor to NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., and is responsible for the day-to-day program operations of the Library.

A highly experienced administrator, Mr. Smith had been the Library's Executive Officer (later Assistant Director for Administration) since 1971. In 1973 he received an HEW Superior Service Award for "his exceptional competence as an administrator, his unique and lasting contributions to the National Library of Medicine, and his dedication to the highest traditions of public service."

Prior to coming to NLM, Mr. Smith served in a series of positions with increasing responsibility in NIH's Division of Research Resources, being appointed Executive Officer in 1968. Earlier he had been a management analyst in the Office of the Secretary, HEW.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Smith received a B.A. from Hobart College (Geneva, New York), where he majored in economics and mathematics. Two years later, in 1962, he received an M.P.A. in general and public administration from Cornell University's Graduate School for Business and Public Administration. Mr. Smith also recently did coursework in computer and information science (American University, Washington, D.C., 1975-1976).

He is a current member of the American Society for Information Science, the American Society for Public Administration, and the Medical Library Association.

International MEDLARS Meeting

On March 21-23 some 25 representatives of the twelve non-U.S. MEDLARS® Centers gathered at NLM to share technical information related to their operations and to hear about new developments in NLM's computerized systems.

The countries represented were Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Iran, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Representatives from Italy, which has the newest Center, were not able to attend. The twelfth

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Center is the Pan American Health Organization's Regional Medical Library in Brazil.

The participants discussed the impact of NLM's planned changeover in computer hardware, as well as recent and projected changes in ELHILL software. There were also sessions on network developments, training, new data bases, and systems evaluation.

Selection/Acquisition Head Named

Brenda R. Swanson

Brenda R. Swanson, formerly Assistant Head of the Selection /Acquisition Section within NLM's Technical Services Division, has been named to head the section. In this capacity she will oversee the selection of all print and non-print monographic material that falls within the scope of the National Library of Medicine's collection policy.

Mrs. Swanson has been with the Library since 1964 when she began working in NLM's Preservation and Binding Section. After receiving her M.S.L.S. from the University of Maryland in 1971, she participated in the 1971/72 Library Associate Program. She joined the Selection/Acquisition Section in 1973, becoming Assistant Head in 1976.

Mrs. Swanson is a member of the Medical Library Association.

New TOXLINE Subfile Includes SSIE Toxicology/Epidemiology Projects

Information from the *Toxicology Research Projects Directory (TRPD)** and the *Epidemiology Research Projects Directory (ERPD)*** is now available in TOXLINE®. This subfile, abbreviated RPROJ, contains information from the Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE) data base concerning ongoing studies in toxicology, epidemiology, and related areas.

The effort leading to the dissemination of this information through the publications and the online file is supported by two interagency committees. The DHEW Committee to Coordinate Toxicology and Related Programs sponsors TRPD; and the Interagency Regulatory Liaison Group, which is composed of the Environmental Protection Agency, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and Food and Drug Administration, funds the ERPD.

This new TOXLINE subfile reports research-in-progress. The emphasis of the toxicology research projects is on the manifestations of the exposure of humans and animals to toxic agents: agricultural substances; industrial and household chemicals; foods, cosmetics, drugs, and medical materials; biotoxins; environmental pollutants, etc. Projects in the areas of detection, control, analysis and synthesis of toxic substances, as well as the prevention and treatment of their effects, are also included.

Epidemiology research projects covering morbidity and mortality; occupational, consumer, and other population exposure to various hazards; biologic, pharmacologic, and environmental research on susceptibility to disease; and illnesses related to chemical exposure are all included.

TOXLINE is one of a number of data bases made available through NLM's online network. For more information on TOXLINE and its new subfile RPROJ, contact:

The Toxicology Information Program
Specialized Information Services
National Library of Medicine
Bethesda, Maryland 20209

*Published monthly and available on subscription from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, VA 22161. Annual rate: $100 U.S., Canada, Mexico addresses; $170 all others.

**Will be available early in 1980 as a technical report from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, VA 22161.

US/USSR Cooperation in Biomedical Information

On March 15, 1979, NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., and Yuri P. Lisitsyn, M.D., Director of the Soviet Union's All-Union Research Institute of Medical and Medico-Technical Information (VNIIMI), signed an addendum to a 1976 memorandum between the two countries. That memorandum related to initiating cooperation between the US and the USSR in the area of biomedical information.

Background

In 1976 during the course of a visit to the USSR by an NLM delegation consisting of Dr. Cummings, W.N. Hubbard, Jr., M.D., Mary E. Corning, and Dr. Vladimir Slamecka, a memorandum for future collaborative efforts was signed by Dr. Cummings and Dr. Hubbard for NLM, and by Dr. Lisitsyn for the USSR's All-Union Scientific Research Institute for Medical and Medico-Technical Information. This memorandum recommended the establishment of a Joint Working Group to implement specific projects and to consider future prospects.

On March 5, 1979, NLM received a USSR Delegation on Biomedical Information led by Academician A.S. Pavlov, Chairman of the Ministry of Health's Scientific Council and Vice President of the Academy of Sciences. During the visit of this Delegation, a Joint Working Group was established.

Participants

The US/NLM side consisted of Mary E. Corning, Assistant Director for International Programs, Chairman; Dr. Henry M. Kissman, Associate Director, Specialized Information Services; Dr. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director, Library Operations; James W. Barry, Deputy Associate Director, Library Operations; and Dr. Clifford A. Bachrach, Medical Subject Headings Section, Library Operations.

The Soviet side consisted of Dr. Yuri Lisitsyn, Director, VNIIMI, Chairman; Dr. N.A. Yakunin, Director, State Central Scientific Medical Library (SCSML); and Dr. Elena I. Dubinina, Chief, MEDINFORM Department, VNIIMI.

Participating in the discussions of the Joint Working Group were Professor A.S. Pavlov; Dr. Cummings; and NLM Consultants W.N. Hubbard, Jr., M.D., former Chairman of the NLM Board of Regents; G. Burroughs Mider, M.D., former NLM Deputy Director; and S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr., M.D., former Assistant Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Shown at the recent meetings regarding US/USSR cooperation in the field of biomedical communication are (l. to r.): Alexandr S. Pavlov, M.D., head of the USSR delegation and Vice President of the Academy of Medical Sciences; Mary E. Corning, NLM Assistant Director for International Programs; and W.N. Hubbard, M.D., former chairman of NLM's Board of Regents.

As a result of a detailed examination of the 1976 memorandum, the Joint Working Group prepared an addendum to the 1976 memorandum. This addendum was signed by Dr. Cummings and Dr. Lisitsyn and represents a program for implementing the original 1976 memorandum. The proposed cooperation includes projects for immediate implementation in the exchange of biomedical literature, interlibrary loans, and exchange of experts. Programs requiring better definition in order to determine the feasibility of pilot projects are: vocabulary development in public health and social hygiene, and information exchange in toxicology and pharmacology.

Exchange of Biomedical Literature

Exchange of biomedical literature will be executed on an equivalent basis and will take into account a difference in the subject scope of NLM, VNIIMI, and SCSML and in materials which each has available for exchange purposes. An identification of materials was established and agreement was reached on procedures. The NLM designated James Barry, Deputy Associate Director for Library Operations, as the individual responsible for NLM aspects of the exchange

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of biomedical literature. The Soviets will subsequently designate a Soviet counterpart.

Interlibrary Loan Cooperation

The NLM and the SCSML agreed to transmit to each other requests for photocopies of articles contained in journals in the collections of the counterpart institution. The transmission of these requests may either be done using the telex linkage between the USSR Ministry of Health and the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or by air mail. Agreement was reached on procedures, forms and copyright requirements.

Exchange of Personnel in Health Information

Under the leadership of NLM and VNIIMI, the exchange of U.S. and Soviet experts may take any of three forms: (1) exchanges within the context of agreed-upon joint cooperative projects, (2) experts to engage in work/study/training programs, and (3) individual exchanges which will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

To move rapidly from these agreed-upon concepts of exchanges to a specific cooperative project, NLM proposed a work/study/training program of mutual benefit. Illustrative examples were discussed, such as a Soviet expert knowledgeable in the content of the medical literature and in Soviet medical terminology who will work with NLM specialists in indexing and subject classification of Soviet literature including journals and monographs. In return, NLM will provide specialized training to the Soviet individual in the management and administration of modern medical library technology. Such a project at NLM may be followed by a second similar project to be proposed by VNIIMI, in which a U.S. expert will engage in a work/study/training project in the USSR.

Vocabulary Development

The Joint Working Group discussed a pilot project in the vocabulary and nomenclature of public health and social medicine. The concepts of "public health and social medicine" are different in the U.S. and the USSR.

The Medical Subject Headings and vocabulary used by NLM have been reviewed by VNIIMI, but NLM experts have not had the benefit of knowing VNIIMI's vocabulary and classifications of public health and social medicine literature. VNIIMI will provide copies of their vocabulary and classification to NLM.

Each side will appoint an expert staff member to study the materials to determine whether, within the general area of public health and social medicine, a carefully circumscribed area can be selected for comparison of both concepts and terminology. A report and recommendation will be submitted to the Joint Working Group.

The NLM appointed Dr. Clifford A. Bachrach, Head, Medical Subject Headings, as its expert. The USSR will subsequently designate a USSR counterpart.

Pharmacology/Toxicology Information

The Joint Working Group examined the area of pharmacology and toxicology. It recognized the significance of these fields scientifically and socially but after extensive discussion the Group acknowledged that the specific development of a pilot project needs further study, examination, and definition.

As a beginning, each side will identify one expert to exchange views and correspondence to learn the responsibilities of each institution in the area of pharmacology and toxicology information. Based on this informal exchange of views, the two experts will submit a specific statement to the Joint Working Group for further examination in order to determine any future course of action.

The NLM designated Dr. Henry Kissman, Associate Director, Specialized Information Services, as its expert. The USSR will subsequently designate the Soviet counterpart.

This Addendum to the 1976 Memorandum will be presented to the next meeting of the Joint US/USSR Committee on Cooperation in Public Health and Medical Sciences.

During the course of its stay, the USSR Delegation met with Dr. Julius Richmond, HEW Assistant Secretary for Health, and Dr. Donald Fredrickson, Director, National Institutes of Health. The Delegation visited and was briefed by the staff of the National Cancer Institute; the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Division of Computer Research and Technology; Clinical Center; the Fogarty International Center; the American College of Cardiology; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; the School of Medicine, Emory University; Southeastern Regional Medical Library Program, A.W. Calhoun Medical Library; the National Technical Information Service; and the

Library of Congress. The Soviets also reviewed in detail the functions and programs of the National Library of Medicine including its National Medical Audiovisual Center in Atlanta.

Pictured left to right in Atlanta are Mr. Basil Lukianoff, interpreter; Dr. E.I. Dubinina, USSR; Dr. N.A. Yakunin, USSR; Mr. Michael Torrente, Emory University; Dr. A.S. Pavlov, USSR: Dr. Nicholas Davies, NLM Board of Regents;Miss Mary E. Corning, NLM: Dr. V. Slamecka, Georgia Institute of Technology; Dr. Y.P. Lisitsyn, USSR; Dr. W.D. Hall, Emory University; Mrs. Miriam Libbey, Director, Southeastern Regional Medical Library Program; Mr. Henry Camp, Georgia Institute of Technology; Dr. Arthur P. Richardson, Dean, School of Medicine, Emory University; Mr. Charles Farmer, Acting Director, National Medical Audiovisual Center.

New Lister Hill Center Report Forecasts Communications Technology

Communications Technology Forecast. January 1979. 334 pp. Order from: National Technical Information Service, Springfield, VA 22161. Price: $12; $3 microfiche. PB-292-697.

The above report was prepared by Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc. for NLM's Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications. Its scope is data communications and some other communications-based technologies of interest to NLM. The forecast extends through 1985. Topics covered include network architectures, transmission media, communication protocols, internetworking, security, software, microprocessors, minicomputers, terminals, digital transmission of analog signals, facsimile, OCR, audiovisual techniques, teleconferencing, and distributed database systems. Experts in all of these fields were called upon to discuss foreseeable trends in communications technology development.

The report indicates that the sharply dropping cost of computing power, coupled with communications costs that are decreasing only slowly, will spur innovations in applying computer-based techniques to produce cost-effective solutions to communications-related requirements. The application of greatest significance in the time frame of the report is message-based teleconferencing.

The project leader for the study was Dr. Ira Richer, with Prof. Philip A. Bernstein of Harvard University serving as a consultant.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Health Sciences Library

by Gerald J. Oppenheimer*

An earlier article[1] described the program of the Pacific Northwest Regional Health Sciences Library (PNRHSL). With the intervening years, PNRHSL completed its first ten years of service.[2] During this period PNRHSL filled 256,000 and referred an additional 55,000 interlibrary loan requests, answered almost 8,000 reference questions, made 900 field contacts, primarily to hospitals, conducted 76 workshops, and helped promote the establishment of 67 new hospital libraries, making a total of 92 at the end of 1978. PNRHSL staff has also encouraged the growth of MEDLINE centers, provided consultation, and assisted library personnel in carrying out some of these tasks independently.

Of more long lasting importance than this direct service has been the development and partial realization of a regional plan designed to give greater stability to the service network. The earlier article had raised some fundamental questions regarding the PNRHSL region, comprising the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. These questions had to do with the scarcity of resources (only two major medical libraries, three states without medical or dental school, the size of this sparsely populated region, and difficulties connected with the channels of communication). A regional plan which did not address these problems could not be expected to meet with any degree of success.

The basic tenets adopted as appropriate to the circumstances prevailing in the Pacific Northwest were:

- the acceptance of the National Library of Medicine position that continued success of the RML network could only be guaranteed through a partnership arrangement which clearly distinguishes between Federal responsibilities and the responsibilities of other parties;
- the recognition that these partners were to be sought among agencies and organizations which had some legal or moral impetus for supporting the objectives of the RML program;
- the belief that the various states constituted the political reality which could form the backbone of a lasting program; and
- the identification of state library agencies, organized medical and library groups, as the primary instruments, in cooperation with PNRHSL, to carry out the regional plan.

PNRHSL's Advisory Committee is shown at a recent meeting. From top, left: Dale Middleton, Helen Miller, John Chase, M.D., William Robertson, M.D. (Chairman), and Gerald Oppenheimer. From bottom, left: Leonard Brewer, M.D., Alberta Titus, and Alma Jacobs.

It is pleasant to report that these guiding principles have led to increasing cooperative activity with those whose participation is essential to the stabilization of this portion of the Biomedical Communication Network.

In Alaska, the State Library has totally incorporated the Alaska Health Sciences Library, a statewide resource whose phenomenal activity is demonstrated by the fact that last year it responded to 63,000 interlibrary loan requests and handled 4,500 online searches, all without charge to the ultimate requester. The State Library expressed its philosophy in its *Long Range Program Library Development in Alaska, 1977-1982* thus: "Continue support of Alaska Health Sciences Library to provide a statewide library service direct to health science personnel and to others through interlibrary loan."Cur-

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1)*National Library of Medicine News*, 30(12):3-4, Dec. 1975.

2)A brochure entitled *10 Years—Pacific Northwest Regional Health Sciences Library, 1968-1978* is available from the author.

rent protocol ensures that no request which can be filled from resources within the state (which now include the University of Alaska Biomedical Research Library, the only other significant resource) is referred to PNRHSL.

A number of developments have led to increased self-sufficiency in Washington as well. After a two-year experimental period during which the Washington State Medical Association maintained an information service for its members, the Association, accepting an invitation of the King County Medical Society, decided to support partially the Society's Library Service and thus guarantee its extension to all WSMA members, based on a combination of this support and fees paid by individual subscribers. The Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center has agreed to accept, beginning in January 1979, all health-related requests it receives, referring to the RML only those which can not be filled from local resources. The Washington State Library will function as a statewide resource and fill requests without charge from its sizable health-related collection.

Accompanying these changes which have brought about a clearer distinction between Federal and local responsibilities and much more intense activity by local agencies, there has emerged a more appropriate organizational and advisory structure for PNRHSL. A Region X Task Force meets three times annually to translate plans into action. It is composed of RML staff and one representative from each state who has major responsibility for the realization of the regional plan. The Advisory Committee has experienced changes as well. Its membership comprises two representatives from each state, the five State Librarians, a student representative from the WAMI Program* and, ex officio, the Region X Task Force and RML staff. In order to have even greater contact with the basic unit libraries, it is expected that early in 1979 a liaison committee will be appointed by the Pacific Northwest Regional Group of the Medical Library Association which will include members of the RML staff, hospital librarians, and others.

Most of the recent PNRHSL activity, in addition to providing direct service, has been channeled into efforts to create the kind of partnership arrangements described above. But earlier efforts by PNRHSL staff directed at creating and strengthening basic resources—both institutional and personal—were continued and expanded.

*WAMI is an acronym referring to the program of the University of Washington School of Medicine which has decentralized medical education for the states of Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho.

NLM Director Receives Educators' Award

The Association for Hospital Medical Education has presented to NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., its John C. Leonard Award. The Award is made as an important recognition for contributions by an individual to graduate education and to community hospital education programs.

Martin M. Cummings, M.D.

Dr. Cummings received the Award on May 11 at the annual business meeting of the Association, held in conjunction with the AMA Congress on Medical Education in Washington, D.C.

In his remarks to the members of the Association, Dr. Cummings commented on the vital importance of the hospital library as a link between the health professional and the scientific literature. Unfortunately, the hospital library frequently does not receive sufficient support from the hospital's administration and its role is all too often undervalued.

The Director identified two factors that have an adverse effect on libraries: the unabated growth in the volume of health science literature and the increasing costs of acquiring and processing it. The combined effect of these trends is to reduce the proportion of the important scientific literature in local collections.

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NLM is attempting to ameliorate this situation by maintaining the integrity and comprehensiveness of its collection and strengthening the Regional Medical Library network through which it is available. NLM is also providing grant support to encourage the development of consortia of hospital libraries.

Increased emphasis has been placed on adding hospital libraries to NLM's online network. In 1978 alone, Dr. Cummings said, 102 hospitals were signed up.

Dr. Cummings concluded his remarks by saying that NLM recognizes its responsibilities in assisting the development of hospital libraries, and that he hoped this important element in the biomedical communications system would get increasing support from hospital medical educators and administrators.

New NLM Literature Searches

Four new bibliographies in the 1979 series of NLM Literature Searches may now be requested from the Library's Reference Section (see below). Literature Searches are printed bibliographies produced through MEDLINE on subjects of current interest. They are available without charge. (A complete list of titles appears in each issue of *Index Medicus* and *Abridged Index Medicus*.) When requesting Literature Searches, please include title and number, enclose a self-addressed gummed label, and mail to:

Literature Search Program
Reference Section
National Library of Medicine
Bethesda, Maryland 20209

LS 79-4 *Sulindac: an anti-inflammatory analgesic.* January 1975 through December 1978. 27 citations.

LS 79-5 *Therapeutic use of marihuana.* January 1975 through March 1979. 83 citations in English.

LS 79-6 *Suicide or depression in childhood and adolescence.* January 1975 through February 1979. 179 citations.

LS 79-7 *Population control with emphasis on developing countries.* January 1977 through March 1979. 183 citations.

Reminder: 20209

The U.S. Postal Service has provided a "unique" (sole user) zip code to the National Library of Medicine for use in its mail operations and activities. It is requested that all correspondence to NLM reflect the new zip code, which is Bethesda, MD 20209. (The National Institutes of Health have also been given a new zip code: Bethesda, MD 20205.)

Notes for Medical Catalogers

The 1979 edition of *Notes for Medical Catalogers* (Number 18) can now be purchased from the Medical Library Association. *Notes* provides updates and changes to NLM's classification system, including new headings and classification numbers.

Orders, accompanied by $3 prepayment, should be sent to the Medical Library Association, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3208, Chicago, IL 60611. MLA institutional members receive this publication free of charge.

Issues prior to Number 18 are available on request to:

National Library of Medicine
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Bethesda, MD 20209

Meet the Professor (via Satellite)

The 60th annual session of the American College of Physicians met in San Francisco this year. Among the highlights of the program were two "Meet the Professor" programs, scholarly and informal interchanges of information between noted educators and a small group of on-site participants. Physicians across the country viewed the programs by various satellites (including the NLM-sponsored CTS), and questioned the speakers by collect telephone calls.

On Tuesday, March 27, J. Willis Hurst, M.D., M.A.C.P. (Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine) spoke on "Coronary Bypass Surgery." On March 29, Dick D. Briggs, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.P.

(Director of the Pulmonary Division of the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham) spoke on "Pulmonary Disease."

Both talks originated in Room 425 of the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. The video signal went, via Pacific Telephone Company microwave link to NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffet Field, California, and thence up to the Communications Technology Satellite (CTS). The CTS signal was received by earth stations in Bethesda, MD (NLM), Columbia, SC, Lexington, KY, and Waltham, MA. Lexington, in turn, broadcast the signal back via CTS to Denver, CO. Meanwhile, Columbia was busily rebroadcasting the signal to a commercial satellite, Westar I. The Westar rebroadcasts were received by the South Carolina Health Television Network, with 38 member institutions; the Greater Cleveland Hospital Association network, with 30 participating hospitals; the Louisiana State Hospital Network; the Indiana Instructional TV network; and public television networks in Birmingham, AL, and Jackson, MI.

Both lectures were excellent. (We hope to make videotapes available through NLM's National Medical Audiovisual Center.) Their impact was sufficiently vivid to make one obese, hypertensive, pipe-smoking lay observer in Bethesda resolve to give up watching medical television.

Harold Wooster, Ph.D.
Lister Hill Center

DHEW Publication Numbering System Decentralized

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, HEW, has recently announced an end to its centralized system for numbering HEW publications. NLM has been using this system since 1972 for numbering its own publications, and NLM catalogers have used departmental numbering information when cataloging other HEW publications.

From now on, each agency within HEW will have the option of continuing the basic DHEW numbering system (substituting the agency abbreviation for DHEW) or of developing its own new scheme. The National Library of Medicine, as part of the National Institutes of Health, will adopt the former option. Henceforth, for example, issues of *Index Medicus* which previously bore the line "DHEW Publication No. (NIH) 79-252" on their title and back cover pages, will carry the line "NIH Publication No. 79-252." This same change will apply to forthcoming issues of *Abridged Index Medicus* (NIH Publication No. 79-251), *NLM Audiovisual Catalog*, quarterly (NIH Publication No. 79-1500), and *NLM Current Catalog*, quarterly (NIH Publication No. 79-262). The "79" prefix refers to the fiscal year of publication. Future annual and single issuance publications will also carry the new numbering format. New cataloging-in-publication data will be included on the reverse of the title page for each affected NLM publication.

While it is clear that NLM and the other components of NIH will continue the old numbering system, merely substituting "NIH" for "DHEW," it is uncertain at this time how other agencies within HEW will handle the new situation.

Personnel Notes

Staff Gains

- Zelda Arch, Clerk-stenographer, Extramural Programs
- Eleanor Conger, Secretary, Specialized Information Services
- Patricia Doherty, Clerk-typist, Reference Services Division
- Sunni Kim, Librarian, Reference Services Division

Staff Losses

- Elizabeth Bailey, Quality Inspection Specialist, Reference Services Division
- John Broadwin, Librarian, Technical Services Division
- James Conway, Computer Operator, Office of Computer and Communications Services
- Martha Deutsch, Librarian, Technical Services Division
- Joyce Ford, Computer Technician, Office of Administration
- Seth Harris, Library Technician, Reference Services Division
- Patrick O'Neill, Computer Specialist, Lister Hill Center

MEDLARS Management Head Named

Yvonne B. Scott

Yvonne B. Scott has been named to head the Library's MEDLARS Management Section (MMS), a component of the Bibliographic Services Division (BSD). MMS serves as the contact point between NLM and over 1100 U.S. and foreign institutional users of the Library's online data bases. MMS produces NLM's recurring bibliographies (*Index Medicus, Index to Dental Literature,* etc.). Other activities include the preparation of bills for users, maintenance of statistics, the distribution of off-line prints, coordination of computer requirements, and processing applications from potential users.

Ms. Scott joined the NLM staff as a medical literature analyst in BSD's Index Section in 1956. She also worked closely with the contractors and other NLM staff in the design and implementation of both MEDLARS I and MEDLARS II. After a one-year tour of duty at the NIH Library (1967-1968), she returned to the MEDLARS Management Section and assumed full responsibility for the production of NLM's recurring bibliographies.

Ms. Scott received her B.S. in pharmacy from Howard University in 1952.

NIH Consensus Development Conferences

Last month, the *NLM News* printed an article about NIH Consensus Development Conferences. A summary of the most recent conference--*Pain, Discomfort, and Humanitarian Care*--accompanied that issue. Beginning with this issue, the *News* will carry announcements of upcoming Consensus Development Conferences as well as titles of recent conference summaries that are being sent, without charge, to *News* readers.

NIH Consensus Development Conferences in June:

- June 5 *The Treatment of Primary Breast Cancer: Management of Local Disease*
- June 27-29 *Steroid Receptors in Breast Cancer*

Inquiries about these conferences may be addressed to the Office for Medical Applications of Research, Room 216, Building 1, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20205.

Summaries of NIH Consensus Development Conferences (to be mailed in the next few weeks to *News* readers):

- *Antenatal Diagnosis*
- *Transfusion Therapy in Pregnant, Sickle Cell Disease Patients*
- *Improving Clinical and Consumer Blood Pressure Measuring Devices*

Serial Gap List

NLM is soliciting the help of the medical library community in filling gaps in our serial collections. If you can provide any of these items we would be most grateful. Please address them to:

National Library of Medicine
TSD-GAPS
Bethesda, Maryland 20209

American Heart Association Monograph Nos. 4, 1962; 21, 27, 28 (1969), 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 42, 43, (1974), 45, 48, 49, 50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62

Bulletin of the Medical Society of the County of Kings and the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn 45: 3, 1966; 50: 4, 6, 11, 1971; 51: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 1972; 2-11, 1973; 54: 4, 1975

CDA Journal 5: 5, 1977

Endocrinology 102; Sup., 1978

Gerontologist 16: 5, 1976; 18: 4, 1978

Journal of the New Orleans College of Pharmacy 8: 1, 1943; 17: 2-3, 1958; 18: 2, 1959; 20: 2-3, 1961

Legal Aspects of Medical Practice 5:11-12, 1977; 6: 1, 9, 10, 1978

Louisiana Pharmacist 25: 7-12, 1966; 26: 3-5, 7, 10, 11, 1967; 27: 1-12, 1968; 28: 9, 1969

Lung Disease: State of the Art 1974

Marin Physician 18: 2-5, 1972; 19: 1, 1973

Maryland Review on Alcoholism 8: 5, 6, 1962

Massachusetts Journal of Mental Health 4: 4, 1974

Medical Affairs Nos. 1-3, 1963; June 1965; Dec 1964

Medical Marketing and Media 4: 1, 1969

Medical Quarterly of the Indiana University School of Medicine 30: 1, 1968; 32: 1-4, 1970; 33: 1-4, 1971

Medical Radiology 8: 2-4, 7-9, 1963

Medical World News Review 1: 1, 1974

Meridian 1: 3-12, 1973; 2: 4, 7-11, 1974; 3: 1-4, 1975; 4: 1-4, 1976

Research Activities; Massachusetts General Hospital 1966

USC Medicine 13: 3-5, 1961; 14: 5, 1962; 15: 1, 5, 1963; 16: 2, 5, 1964; 17: 1, 3-5, 1965; 18: 1, 1966

22 Titles Added to Index Medicus Journal List

The selection of journals for indexing in *Index Medicus* is made by NLM after referring candidate journals to a standing group of outside experts for review and recommendation. As a result of their recommendations, 22 new journals were recently selected for *IM* indexing.

The new *IM* journals are listed below along with their parallel titles (if any) and title abbreviation. References from these journals will appear soon in forthcoming issues of *Index Medicus*.

Asian Journal of Infectious Diseases
Asian J Infect Dis

Canadian Journal of Applied Sport Sciences. Journal Canadien des Sciences Appliquees au Sport
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